THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI NILOTPAL BASU): Okay; okay. But, I think, in our laws, the wording should be gender neutral. *...(Interruptions)...*

SHRI I.D. SWAMI: Sir, it is the 'she' who includes 'he', but the law says 'he' includes 'she'. *...(Interruptions)...*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI NILOTPAL BASU): The question is:

"That the Bill be returned."

The motion was adopted.

The Salaries and Allowances of Officers of Parliament and Leaders of Opposition in Parliament (Amendment) Bill, 2002

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): Sir, I beg to move:

> "That 'the Bill further to amend the Salaries and Allowances of Officers of Parliament Act, 1953 and the Salary and Allowances of Leaders of Opposition in Parliament Act, 1977, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

Sir, it is a very small Bill. The sumptuary allowance given to the Officers of Parliament is on par with that given to a Cabinet Minister or a Minister of State. As there has been a change in the allowances given to the Cabinet Ministers and Ministers of State, corresponding changes have been made in this Bill.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN (SHRI NILOTPAL BASU): I shall now move the motion. The question is:

> "That the Bill further to amend the Salaries and Allowances of Officers of Parliament Act, 1953 and the Salary and Allowances of Leaders of Opposition in Parliament Act, 1977, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN(SHRI NILOTPAL BASU): We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 2 and 3 were added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Sir, I beg to move:

That the Bill be passed.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

The Salaries and Allowances of Officers of Parliament (Second Amendment) Bill, 2002

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Bill further to amend the Salaries and Allowances of Officers of Parliament Act, 1953, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration.".

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN (SHRI NILOTPAL BASU): We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clause 2 was added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: I beg to move :

"That the Bill be passed".

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN (SHRI NILOTPAL BASU): Now, the House is adjourned till 2 O'clock.

The House then adjourned for lunch, at forty-nine minutes past twelve of the clock.

The House reassembled after lunch at three minutes past two of the clock
[THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI) in the Chair]

The Constitution (Ninety-Third Amendment) Bill, 2001

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Hon. Members, now, we take up the Constitution (Ninety-third Amendment) Bill, 2001. This Bill has to be passed by a special majority, as required under article 368 of the Constitution. Members should be present, at the time of